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FOR DR. THOMAS A. CLINGAN, US LAW OF THE SEA DELEGATION

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SUBJ: SPINY LOBSTER

1. MINEXTAFF, ON MARCH 17, 1975, SENT TO THE EMBASSY THE FOLLOWING NOTE CONCERNING THE ENFORCEMENT OF THE BAHAMIAN LEGISLATION REGARDING SPINY LOBSTER. EMBASSY COMMENT WILL FOLLOW.

2. BEGIN TEXT: (COMPLIMENTARY OPENING)... TO REFER TO THE RECENT ENACTMENT OF LEGISLATION BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS RELEVANT TO THE EXERCISE BY GOVERNMENT OF SOVEREIGNTY OVER THE RESOURCES OF THE CONTINENTAL SHELF APPURTENANT TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

THE MINISTRY WISHES TO INFORM THE EMBASSY THAT PURSUANT TO THIS LEGISLATION IT IS THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS TO INCLUDE THE BAHAMIAN
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SPINY LOBSTER, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS PANULIRUS ARGUS, IN THE

LIST OF CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERIES RESOURCES WHICH APPERTAIN TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

THE MINISTRY DESIRES THAT NATIONALS OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND NATIONALS FALLING WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WHO HAVE BEEN KNOWN TO FISH OR CURRENTLY DO FISH FOR LOBSTER ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS, BE EFFECTED WITH NOTICE OF THE INTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS IN THIS CONNECTION.

THE MINISTRY SHALL INFORM THE EMBASSY OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE LIST OF CONTINENTAL SHELF FISHERIES RESOURCES WHICH APPERTAIN TO THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS. THEREUPON BAHAMIAN LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS WILL ACT WITH DISCRETION DURING A SHORT PERIOD TO ALLOW FISHERMEN OPERATING IN THE AREA TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE NEW LEGISLATION WITH REGARD TO BAHAMIAN LOBSTER BEFORE ENFORCING THE LAW TO THE FULLEST EXTENT. THE NEW LEGISLATION EMPOWERS THE COURTS TO LEVY HEAVY PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION UPON CONVICTION IN THE COURTS OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE BAHAMAS.

(COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE). END TEXT.
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